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El Hotel Pasaje -
Habana - Cuba

To the Right Reverend
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My dear Father in God. -

Your letter reached me on the 2nd inst. and by the next mail I received one from Bishop Littlejohn - giving me the same information - and asking to be informed as to the best time for him to make a visitation next winter. -

I can scarcely realize that this dissolution of our Ecclesiastical relations has taken place - To me the tie was one of the strongest - one that I had learned to reverence and love during all these years - and

I had come to think that Nothing could
sever it — Often do I think of the
time when I first saw You — when
I called to consult with You — and to
ask You if I might be admitted
a Candidate for Holy Orders —
You told me plainly that the Ministry
of the Church meant sacrifice — and to
think well of it — I went away from
You to think and to pray. and when I
saw You again You admitted me.
And then Dear. I have known no
other Bishop but You. I have almost
learned the lesson which You pointed
out to me then. I shall know it
all by and by — as God wills. —

I shall write to You from
time to time about our Work then —
and of my plans and difficulties,
whatever they may be, as usual.
And if I am not Your Presbyter
any longer in law. I shall consider
You my Bishop in heart, and
more. My Father in God. for You

Have been my Friend from my Youth.
I thank You for the Kind letter I have
this day had the happiness to receive. And
Ever Dear Dr Duncan
Affectionately Yrs. Sam'l Bowman